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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to area health education centers, creating
2 an area health education centers fund, and providing an
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.179 Area health education
2 centers fund.

3 An area health education centers fund is created in the
4 state treasury as a separate fund under the control of the
5 department. The department may receive appropriations,
6 contributions, grants, and in-kind contributions to support
7 the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be separate from the
8 general fund of the state and shall not be considered part of
9 the general fund of the state. The moneys in the fund shall
10 not be considered revenue of the state, but rather shall be
11 moneys of the fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated
12 to the department to be distributed to academic institutions
13 that coordinate area health education centers to recruit and
14 retain health care providers in underserved areas of the state.
15 The funds distributed shall be used to provide the nonfederal
16 funding match requirement for receipt of federal grants for
17 area health education centers from the federal health resources
18 and services administration of the United States department
19 of health and human services. The moneys in the fund are not
20 subject to section 8.33 and shall not be transferred, used,
21 obligated, appropriated, or otherwise encumbered, except to
22 provide for the purposes of this section. Notwithstanding
23 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys
24 deposited in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

25 Sec. 2. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS —

26 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general
27 fund of the state for deposit in the area health education
28 centers fund created in section 135.179 pursuant to this Act,
29 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30,
30 2012, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
31 for the purposes specified for the fund:

32 \$ 1,000,000

33 Sec. 3. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall create
34 a new division in chapter 135 codifying section 135.179, as
35 enacted in this Act, as the area health education centers fund.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill relates to area health education centers (AHECs).
3 The bill creates an area health education centers fund in
4 the state treasury as a separate fund under the control of
5 the department of public health. The moneys in the fund are
6 appropriated to the department to be distributed to academic
7 institutions that coordinate AHECs that recruit and retain
8 health care providers in underserved areas of the state. The
9 funds distributed are to be used to provide the nonfederal
10 funding match requirement for receipt of federal grants
11 for AHECs from the federal health resources and services
12 administration of the United States department of health and
13 human services.

14 The bill also makes an appropriation of \$1 million from
15 the general fund of the state for deposit in the area health
16 education centers fund to be used for the purposes of the fund.

17 In Iowa, currently two educational institutions are
18 coordinating AHEC efforts. Des Moines university is working
19 with 62 counties, predominantly north of Interstate 80, with
20 regional offices in Waterloo, Des Moines, and Mason City, with
21 another anticipated in Carroll. The university of Iowa is
22 working with 33 counties in southern Iowa with offices located
23 in Ottumwa, Leon, and Davenport.